Thiruvananthapuram-Kanniyakumari and Katpadi-Vellore Cantt. Rail lines is planned during Eleventh Plan.

Electrification of railway track is considered on economic viability and operational necessity.

Passenger trains for Gujarat

1672. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the passenger trains would be restored for Navlakhi, Morbi, Dahisara Mota, Kharaghoda, Kandla, Mundra and Pipavav; and

(b) by when the Rajkot-Indore coaches would be restored in Veraval-Jabalpur Express?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There is no station named "Mota" in this section or region. Further, Adipur-Mundra and Rajula-Pipavav are only freight lines. Further, there is no proposal to restore the passenger trains, which were cancelled due to poor patronization in remaining sectors.

(b) There is no proposal at present to restore Rajkot-Indore slip coaches in 1463/1464-1465/1466 Jabalpur-Veraval Express.

Increasing the number of coaches in trains

1673. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the yield per coach per kilometre in case of ordinary, sleeper class, III tier A.C., II tier A.C . and I A.C. coaches;

(b) whether it is a fact that cost of carrying a passenger is 36 paise per kilometre but the earning is only 26 paise per kilometre;

(c) whether it is feasible to increase number of coaches from 14-17 to 20-24 in mail and express trains and thereby reach break even without raising fares; and

(d) if so, the action plan thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Earnings per passenger kilometre (yield), class-wise, for the year 2006-07 (latest available) is furnished below.

	Earnings per passenger kilometre (Paise)
Air-conditioned 1st class	246.9
Air-conditioned 2-tier	124.9
Air-conditioned 3-tier	91.5
Sleeper class (Mail/Express)	31.8
Sleeper class (Ordinary)	23.3
Second class (Ordinary)	15.3